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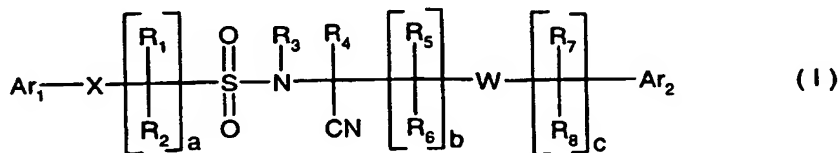
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R₁, and R₂ stand independently of each other for hydrogen, optionally substituted C₁-C₅alkyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₅alkenyl, C₂-C₅alkynyl or optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl; R₃ designates hydrogen, C₃-C₅alkenyl, C₃-C₅alkynyl or optionally substituted C₁-C₅alkyl; R₄ is optionally substituted C₁-C₅alkyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₅alkenyl, C₂-C₅alkynyl or optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl; R₅ and R₆ are independently of each other hydrogen or optionally substituted C₁-C₅alkyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₅alkenyl, C₂-C₅alkynyl or optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl; R₇, and R₈ are independently of each other hydrogen or optionally substituted C₁-C₅alkyl, optionally substituted C₂-C₅alkenyl, C₂-C₅alkynyl or optionally substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl; W designates a bridge selected from -O-, -S(O)m- or -NR₃-; X designates a direct bond or a bridge selected from -O-, -S(O)m- or -NR₃-; a and b independently of each other stand for a number 1, 2 or 3; and c and m independently of each other stand for a number zero, 1 or 2. These compounds possess useful plant protecting properties and may advantageously be employed in agricultural practice for controlling or preventing the infestation of plants by phytopathogenic microorganisms, especially fungi.

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to α-sulfonylamino-acetonitrile derivatives of the general formula (I) including the optical isomers thereof and mixtures of such isomers, wherein Ar₁, and Ar₂ independently of each other stand for an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group,